

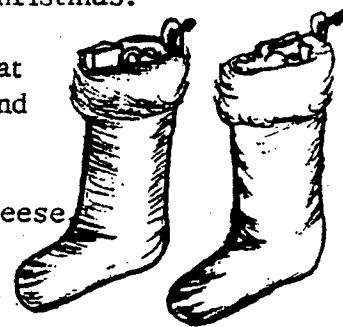
COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

It is the Christmas custom in Great Britain to wait for Father Christmas. The children hope he will fill their stockings with treats.

On the day after Christmas another custom is traditional in Great Britain. Boxing Day is a day to remember the milkman, postman, and people who have helped your family during the year. Most families present these workers with gifts of money.

A traditional English dinner for Christmas would include headcheese roast peacock, boar's head, and mutton pies. The pies of mutton were first made in the shape of a manger. This practice is no longer prevalent in Great Britain.

The wassail bowl was introduced as an English Christmas custom by King Henry VII. The King brought the idea to Great Britain from the Scandinavian countries in the late 1400's. Hot ales, spices, and toasted apples are the ingredients of the wassail. The old English words "be thou well" were the original meaning of wassail.



1. The important idea in this selection has to do with:
 - (a) English Christmas customs
 - (b) Boxing Day
 - (c) Father Christmas
 - (d) the wassail bowl
2. Boxing Day is a day to remember:
 - (a) King Henry VII
 - (b) children
 - (c) people who have helped families during the year
 - (d) parents
3. English dinner for Christmas includes:
 - (a) chocolate cake
 - (b) mutton pies
 - (c) whole wheat bread
 - (d) candy
4. An ingredient of wassail is:
 - (a) oranges
 - (b) toasted apples
 - (c) root beer
 - (d) roast peacock
5. Put in the order they happen:
 - (a) presents are given to helpers
 - (b) children await Father Christmas
 - (c) Boxing Day arrives
 - (d) an English Christmas dinner
6. Another meaning of the word prevalent in this selection is:
 - (a) widespread
 - (b) traditional
 - (c) unusual
 - (d) food
7. Who fills the childrens' stockings with treats?
 - (a) King Henry VII
 - (b) Father Christmas
 - (c) Santa Claus
 - (d) the children
8. The mutton pies were first made in the shape of a manger because:
 - (a) they looked good that way
 - (b) they were easy to make
 - (c) Jesus was born in a manger
 - (d) it was Christmas